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Dear Mr. Zerrenner:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior for a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Oncor Electric Delivery Facilities in 100 Texas Counties. Oncor has applied for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Based on our analysis, EPA rates the DEIS as "**LO**" (Lack of Objections). EPA has no objection to the preferred HCP proposed by the USFWS. Mitigation for the potential impacts of the authorized take would be provided by the conservation program described in the HCP.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office two copies of the FEIS when it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA (Mail Code 2252A), Ariel Rios Federal Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Our classification will be published on the EPA website, <a href="www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a>, according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the CAA to inform the public of our views on the proposed Federal action. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Jansky of my staff at jansky.michael@epa.gov or 214-665-7451 for assistance.

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